

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S2535–S2601

Measures Introduced: Fourteen bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 568–581, and S.J. Res. 8–9. **Pages S2582–83**

Measures Passed:

China Human Rights Violations: Committee on Foreign Relations was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 22, urging the appropriate representative of the United States to the United Nations Commission on Human Rights to introduce at the annual meeting of the Commission a resolution calling upon the People's Republic of China to end its human rights violations in China and Tibet, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Pages S2600–01**

Campaign Finance Reform: Senate continued consideration of S. 27, to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to provide bipartisan campaign reform, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S2536–52, S2553–71**

Adopted:

By 70 yeas to 30 nays (Vote No. 38), Domenici Amendment No. 115, to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to modify individual contribution limits in response to expenditures of a candidate from personal funds. **Pages S2547–50**

Rejected:

By 37 yeas to 63 nays (Vote No. 39), Bennett Amendment No. 117, to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to prohibit separate segregated funds and nonconnected political committees from using soft money to subsidize hard dollar fundraising. **Pages S2550–52, S2553–60**

Smith (OR) Amendment No. 118, to prohibit candidates and Members of Congress from accepting certain contributions while Congress is in session. (By 74 yeas to 25 nays (Vote No. 40), Senate tabled the amendment.) **Pages S2561–67**

Pending:

Torricelli Amendment No. 122, to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to require television broadcast stations, and providers of cable or satellite television service, to provide lowest unit rate to com-

mittees of political parties purchasing time on behalf of candidates. **Pages S2567–71**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of Torricelli Amendment No. 122 (listed above) of the bill on Wednesday, March 21, 2001. **Page S2601**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

3 Coast Guard nominations in the rank of admiral.

A routine list in the Coast Guard. **Page S2601**

Executive Communications: **Pages S2579–82**

Statements on Introduced Bills: **Pages S2584–95**

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Record Votes: Three record votes were taken today. (Total—40) **Pages S2550, S2560, S2566–67**

Adjournment: Senate met at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 6:48 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Wednesday, March 21, 2001. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S2601.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

ENCROACHMENT ISSUES

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Readiness and Management Support concluded hearings to examine the readiness impact of range encroachment issues, including endangered species and critical habitats; sustainment of the maritime environment; airspace management; urban sprawl; air pollution; unexploded ordnance; and noise; after receiving testimony from Maj. Gen. Robert L. Van Antwerp, Jr., USA, Assistant Chief of Staff for Installation Management; Vice. Adm. James F. Amerault, USN,

Deputy Chief of Naval Operations, Fleet Readiness and Logistics; Maj. Gen. Edward Hanlon, Jr., USMC, Commanding General, Marine Corps Base, Camp Pendleton, California; Maj. Gen. Walter E. L. Buchanon, III, USAF, Deputy Chief of Staff for Air and Space Operations; and Brig. Gen. William G. Webster, USA, Director of Training.

U.S.-JORDAN FREE TRADE AGREEMENT

Committee on Finance: Committee held hearings on the United States-Jordan Free Trade Agreement, focusing on regional economic integration in the Middle East, support for Jordan's economic reform program, and development of a comprehensive and innovative Free Trade Agreement, receiving testimony from Charlene Barshefsky, Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, former U.S. Trade Representative, Samuel R. Berger, former National Security Advisor, Michael B. Smith, Cantabs, Inc., former

Deputy U.S. Trade Representative, Timothy E. Deal, United States Council for International Business, Thomas J. Donahue, U.S. Chamber of Commerce, Rodger Schlickeisen, Defenders of Wildlife, and John J. Sweeney, American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organizations, all of Washington, D.C.; and Jagdish Bhagwati, Columbia University and the Council on Foreign Relations, New York, New York.

Hearings recessed subject to call.

NOMINATION

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded hearings on the nomination of Marc Isaiah Grossman, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary of State for Political Affairs, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senator Gordon Smith, testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 42 public bills, H.R. 1096–1137; 11 resolutions, H.J. Res. 39; H. Con. Res. 67–72, and H. Res. 92–95, were introduced. **Pages H1010–12**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H. Res. 92, providing for consideration of motions to suspend the rules (H. Rept. 107–23); and

H. Res. 93, providing for consideration of H.R. 247, to amend the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 to authorize communities to use community development block grant funds for construction of tornado-safe shelters in manufactured home parks (H. Rept. 107–24). **Page H1010**

Guest Chaplain: The prayer was offered by Dr. Cheryl J. Sanders, Third Street Church of God of Washington, D.C. **Page H962**

Recess: The House recessed at 12:41 p.m. and reconvened at 2 p.m. **Page H962**

Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

Combating and Eradicating Tuberculosis and Acknowledging its Impact on Minority Populations: H. Res. 67, amended, Recognizing the importance of combating tuberculosis on a worldwide basis, and acknowledging the severe impact that TB has on minority populations in the United States (agreed to by a yea and nay vote of 405 yeas to 2 nays, Roll No. 51); and **Pages H964–69, H977–78**

Expressing Sympathy for the Victims of Earthquakes in El Salvador: H. Con. Res. 41, expressing sympathy for the victims of the devastating earthquakes that struck El Salvador on January 13, 2001, and February 13, 2001, and supporting ongoing aid efforts (agreed to by a yea and nay vote of 405 yeas to 1 nay, Roll No. 52). **Pages H969–77, H978–79**

Recess: The House recessed at 3:25 p.m. and reconvened at 6 p.m. **Page H977**

Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of Representative LaHood to the Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission. Subsequently, read a letter from the Minority Leader wherein he announced his appointment of Representative Phelps to the Commission. **Page H977**

Canada-United States Interparliamentary Group: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of Representative Houghton as Chairman of the Canada-United States Interparliamentary Group. **Page H977**

Harry S Truman Scholarship Foundation: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of Representatives Emerson and Skelton to the Board of Trustees of the Harry S Truman Scholarship Foundation. **Page H977**

Senate Messages: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H962.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yeas and nay votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H977–78 and H978–79. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 12 p.m. and adjourned at 9:17 p.m.

Committee Meetings

LABOR, HHS, AND EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services and Education continued appropriation hearings. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

OVERSIGHT—ELECTRICITY MARKETS: CALIFORNIA

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Energy and Air Quality held an oversight hearing on Electricity Markets: California. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Federal Energy and Regulatory Commission, Department of Energy: Curtis I. Hebert, Jr., Chairman; and William L. Massey and Linda K. Breathitt, both Commissioners.

Hearings continue March 22.

SINGLE-FAMILY MUTUAL MORTGAGE INSURANCE FUND—FINANCIAL HEALTH

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Housing and Community Opportunities held a hearing on the Financial Health of the Federal Housing Administration's Single-Family Mutual Mortgage Insurance Fund. Testimony was heard from Thomas J. McCool, Managing Director, Financial Markets and Community Investment, GAO; Susan Gaffney, Inspector General, Department of Housing and Urban Development; and Marvin Phaup, Deputy Assistant Director, CBO.

NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL DIETARY SUPPLEMENT REGULATION— STATUS

Committee on Government Reform: Held a hearing on Six Years After the Enactment of DSHEA: The Status of National and International Dietary Supplement Regulation and Research. Testimony was heard from Representative Pallone; the following officials of the FDA, Department of Health and Human Services: Joseph Levitt, Director, Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition; and Elizabeth Yetley, U.S. Delegate to the CODEX Alimentarius Commission on Nutrition and Foods for Special Dietary Uses; and public witnesses.

MOTION TO SUSPEND THE RULES

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a resolution providing that certain suspensions will be in order at any time on the legislative day of Wednesday, March 21, 2001, or Thursday, March 22, 2001.

TORNADO SHELTERS ACT

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, an open rule providing one hour of debate on H.R. 247, Tornado Shelters Act. The rule provides that it shall be in order to consider as an original bill for the purpose of amendment the amendment in the nature of a substitute printed in the Congressional Record and numbered 1. The rule provides that the amendment in the nature of a substitute shall be open for amendment at any point. The rule allows the Chairman of the Committee of the Whole to accord priority in recognition to Members who have preprinted their amendments in the Congressional Record. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Chairman Oxley and Representatives Bachus and Frank.

MEDICARE SOLVENCY

Committee on Ways and Means: Held a hearing on Medicare Solvency. Testimony was heard from Richard S. Foster, Chief Actuary, Health Care Financing Administration, Department of Health and Human Services and Dan L. Crippen, Director, CBO.

Joint Meetings

SOCIAL SECURITY AND MEDICARE TRUSTEES REPORTS

Joint Hearing: Senate Committee on Finance concluded joint hearings with the House Committee on Ways and Means to examine the 2001 Social Security and Medicare Trustees Reports, after receiving testimony from Paul H. O'Neill, Secretary of the Treasury.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, MARCH 21, 2001

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense, to hold hearings to examine issues surrounding the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, 10 a.m., SD–192.

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Readiness and Management Support, to hold hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 2002 for the Department of Defense and the Future Years Defense Program, focusing on installation readiness, 9:30 a.m., SR–232A.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Surface Transportation and Merchant Marine, to hold oversight hearings to examine activities of the Surface Transportation Board since its establishment; and the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2000 for the Board, 9:30 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: to hold oversight hearings to review current United States energy trends and recent changes in U.S. energy markets, 9:30 a.m., SD-106.

Subcommittee on Water and Power, to hold oversight hearings on the Klamath Project in Oregon, including implementation of PL 106-498 and how the project might operate in what is projected to be a short water year, 2 p.m., SD-628.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Subcommittee on Clean Air, Wetlands, Private Property, and Nuclear Safety, to hold hearings on harmonizing the Clean Air Act with our nation's energy policy, 9 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings on the nomination of Grant S. Green, Jr., of Virginia, to be Under Secretary of State for Management, 2 p.m., SD-419.

Select Committee on Intelligence: to hold closed hearings on intelligence matters, 3 p.m., SH-219.

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Antitrust, Business Rights, and Competition, to hold hearings on S. 520, to increase and maintain competition in the domestic aviation industry, 10 a.m., SD-226.

United States Senate Caucus on International Narcotics Control: to hold hearings to examine the use and effects of the drug ecstasy, 9:30 a.m., SH-216.

House

Committee on Agriculture, to continue hearings on Federal Farm Commodity Programs, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration and Related Agencies, on Commodity Futures Trading Commission, 9:30 a.m., 2362A Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State and Judiciary, on Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts, and Judicial Offices, 10 a.m., H-309 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Defense, executive, on Military Readiness, 9:30 a.m., H-140 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Foreign Operations, Export Financing and Related Programs, on implementation of the Hurricane Mitch Supplemental with the GAO and the Inspector General of AID, 10 a.m., H-144 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Interior, on Special Trustee (Trust Reform), 10 a.m., B-308 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services and Education, to continue on public witnesses, 10 a.m., 2358 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Military Construction, on Family Housing Privatization, 10 a.m., B-300 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Transportation, on AMTRAK, 10 a.m., and on Members of Congress, 2 p.m., 2358 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Treasury, Postal Service and General Government, on Inspector General, and Inspector General for Tax Administration, 10 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on VA, HUD, and Independent Agencies, on public witnesses, 9 a.m., and 1 p.m., H-143 Capitol.

Committee on Armed Services, hearing on U.S. National Security Strategy, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on the Budget, to mark up Budget Resolution for Fiscal Year 2002, 10 a.m., 210 Cannon.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, to consider the following: Committee Oversight Plan for the 107th Congress; and other pending business, 10:30 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade and Consumer Protection, hearing on Airline Mergers and Their Effect on American Consumers, 10 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Telecommunications and the Internet, to mark up H.R. 718, Unsolicited Commercial Electronic Mail Act of 2001, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, Subcommittee on Capital Markets, Insurance, and Government Sponsored Enterprises, to consider the Investor and Capital Markets Fee Relief Act, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit, to consider the following bills: H.R. 974, Small Business Interest Checking Act of 2001; and H.R. 1009, Business Checking Freedom Act of 2001, 2 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform, Subcommittee on the District of Columbia, hearing on America's Main Street: The Future of Pennsylvania Avenue, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Government Efficiency, Financial Management, and Intergovernmental Relations, to mark up a Committee Report entitled: "A Citizens Guide on Using the Freedom of Information Act and the Privacy Act of 1974 to Request Government Records," 10 a.m., 2247 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on the Constitution, to mark up H.R. 503, Unborn Victims of Violence Act of 2001, 2 p.m., 2237 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Crime, to mark up H.R. 863, Consequences for Juvenile Offenders Act of 2001, 10 a.m., 2237 Rayburn.

Committee on Science, Subcommittee on Research, hearing on Life in the Subduction Zone: The Recent Nisqually Quake and the Federal Efforts to Reduce Earthquake Hazards, 2 p.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Highways and Transit, to meet for organizational purposes, and to hold a hearing on the Outlook for the Nation's Highway and Transit Systems, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 801, Veterans' Opportunities Act of 2001; and H.R. 811, Veterans' Hospital Emergency Repair Act, 9:15 a.m., 334 Cannon.

Committee on Ways and Means, to continue hearings on the Administration's proposed tax relief proposals, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, Terrorism Working Group, executive, briefing on Worldwide Terrorist Threat Posed by the Usama Bin Laden (UBL) Organization and U.S. Countermeasures, 2 p.m., H-405 Capitol.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

9:30 a.m., Wednesday, March 21

Senate Chamber

Program for Wednesday: Senate will continue consideration of S. 27, Campaign Finance Reform.

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10 a.m., Wednesday, March 21

House Chamber

Program for Wednesday: Consideration of Suspensions:

- (1) H. Con. Res. 43, Revised Printing of "Black Americans in Congress, 1870–1989";
- (2) H.R. 1042, to prevent the elimination of certain reports;
- (3) H.R. 1098, Maritime Policy Improvement Act;
- (4) H.R. 1099, Coast Guard Personnel and Management Safety Act; and
- (5) H.R. 496, Independent Telecommunications Consumer Enhancement Act.

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